

# PM wants people to decide on system for

## varsity entry

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the people to decide whether they want the present system of entry to the university to remain or to have a common entry system for all students entering public universities.

He said the Government would concur with whatever the public wanted on that issue, provided that the people were united in their decision.

"But we need to find out what they really want. If they want only Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM), we will agree.

"But if there is division among them, then we will have to decide (for them)," he told reporters at the Royal Malaysian Air Force Base in Subang near here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on the suggestion made by many educationists that a common system of intake be adopted.

Universiti Sains Malaysia Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr Ishak Thambi Kechik had said that a common system of entry could prevent misunderstanding among the various races on how students were evaluated for entry to public universities.

Currently there are three systems for students to qualify for university education - the STPM, the matriculation programme and pre-university courses in sciences.